

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A recording/reproducing apparatus, comprising:

reproducing means for reproducing information recorded on a freely insertable and removable first recording medium containing the specified information and inserted in said reproducing means;

first recording/reproducing means for recording information reproduced from said first recording medium by said reproducing means onto a freely insertable and removable second recording medium inserted in said first recording/reproducing means;

second recording/reproducing means for recording information reproduced from said first recording medium by said reproducing means onto a fixed third recording medium installed in said second reproducing means and ;

control means for deleting all or a portion of information matching the same information recorded onto said second recording medium from said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means, when said second recording medium has been removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

2. A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:

identifier means for checking whether or not fixed

restrictions are present on recording onto other recording media, information from said first recording medium reproduced by said reproducing means,

wherein when said identifier means determines that fixed restrictions are applied, then said control means deletes all or a portion of information identical to information recorded on said second recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means from said third recording medium when said second recording medium is removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

3. A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recording by said first recording/reproducing means and the recording by said second recording/reproducing means are performed in parallel.

4. A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein information reproduced from said first recording medium by said reproducing means is recorded on said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means, and the information reproduced from said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means is recorded on said second recording medium by said first recording/reproducing means.

5. A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first recording medium and said third

recording medium are recording mediums for digital signals.

6. A recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving specified information from a broadcast or communications;

first recording/reproducing means for recording information received by said receiving means onto a freely insertable and removable second recording medium inserted in said first recording/reproducing means;

second recording/reproducing means for recording information received by said receiving means onto a fixed third recording medium installed in said second reproducing means; and

control means for deleting all or a portion of information matching the same information recorded on said second recording medium from said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means, when said second recording medium is removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

7. A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 6, comprising:

identifier means for checking information received from said receiving means to find whether or not fixed restrictions are present on recording said information on other recording media, and when said identifier means determines that fixed restrictions are applied, then said control means deletes all

or a portion of information identical to information recorded on said second recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means from said third recording medium, when said second recording medium is removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

8. A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the recording by said first recording/reproducing means and the recording by said second recording/reproducing means are performed in parallel.

9. A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein information received by said receiving means is recorded on said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means, and the information reproduced from said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means is recorded onto said second recording medium by said first recording/reproducing means.

10. A recording/reproducing apparatus comprising an input means for inputting specified information from an external device;

first recording/reproducing means for recording information input from said input means onto a freely insertable and removable second recording medium inserted in said first recording/reproducing means;

second recording/reproducing means for recording

information input from said input means onto a fixed third recording medium installed in said second reproducing means and;

control means for erasing all or a portion of information matching the same information recorded in said second recording medium from said third recording medium of said second recording/reproducing means, when said second recording medium has been removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

11. A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 10, comprising:

identifier means for checking information input from said receiving means to find whether or not fixed restrictions are present on recording the information onto other recording media,

wherein when said identifier means determines that fixed restrictions are applied, then said control means deletes all or a portion of information identical to information recorded on said second recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means from said third recording medium when said second recording medium is removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

12. A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the recording by said first

recording/reproducing means and the recording by said second recording/reproducing means are performed in parallel.

13. A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein information input from said input means is recorded on said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means, and the information reproduced from said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means is recorded on said second recording medium by said first recording/reproducing means.

14. A control method for a recording/reproducing apparatus which comprises:

reproducing means for reproducing information recorded on a freely insertable and removable first recording medium containing the specified information and inserted in said reproducing means;

first recording/reproducing means for recording information reproduced from said first recording medium by said reproducing means onto a freely insertable and removable second recording medium inserted in said first recording/reproducing means; and

second recording/reproducing means for recording information reproduced from said first recording medium by said reproducing means onto a fixed third recording medium installed in said second reproducing means,

wherein said control method deletes all or a portion of information identical to the same information recorded in said second recording medium from said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means when said second recording medium has been removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

15. A control method for a recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 14 which comprises:

identifier means for checking whether or not fixed restrictions are present on recording onto other recording media, information from said first recording medium reproduced by said reproducing means,

wherein when said identifier means determines that fixed restrictions are applied, then all or a portion of the information identical to information recorded on said second recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means from said third recording medium is deleted, when said second recording medium is removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

16. A control method for a recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said first recording medium and said third recording medium are recording mediums for digital signals, and said second recording medium is a recording medium for analog signals.

17. A control method for a recording/reproducing apparatus which comprises:

receiving means for receiving specified information from a broadcast or communications;

first recording/reproducing means for recording information received by said receiving means onto a freely insertable and removable second recording medium inserted in said first recording/reproducing means; and

second recording/reproducing means for recording information received by said receiving means onto a fixed third recording medium installed in said second reproducing means,

wherein all or a portion of information identical to the same information recorded in said second recording medium from said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means is deleted when said second recording medium is removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

18. A control method for a recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said control method determines whether or not fixed restrictions are present on recording information received by said receiving means onto other recording media, and upon determining that fixed restrictions were applied, deletes all or a portion of information identical to information recorded on said second



recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means from said third recording medium, when said second recording medium is removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

19. A control method for a recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said third recording medium is a recording medium for digital signals, and said second recording medium is a recording medium for analog signals.

20. A control method for a recording/reproducing apparatus which comprises:

input means for inputting information from an external device;

first recording/reproducing means for recording information input from said input means onto a freely insertable and removable second recording medium inserted in said first recording/reproducing means; and

second recording/reproducing means for recording information input from said input means onto a fixed third recording medium installed in said second reproducing means

wherein said control method deletes all or a portion of information matching the same information recorded in said second recording medium from said third recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means when said second recording medium has been removed from said first

recording/reproducing means.

21. A control method for a recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 20, wherein a determination is made as to whether or not fixed restrictions are present on recording the information onto other recording media, and when determined that fixed restrictions are applied, all or a portion of information identical to information recorded on said second recording medium by said second recording/reproducing means from said third recording medium is deleted, when said second recording medium is removed from said first recording/reproducing means.

22. A control method for a recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said third recording medium is a recording medium for digital signals, and said second recording medium is a recording medium for analog signals.